

# Love Lifted Me

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Introduction:

A. Psalm 40:1-3

## I. CHRISTIANS HAVE EXPERIENCED HIS LOVE

- A. Everyone experiences helpless times in life, but they cannot compare to the time spent lost in sin - Eph. 2:1-3, 4-6
- B. When we needed Him the most, He did not turn us away, but He took us in, bound up our wounds and gave us rest - John 6:37; Matt. 11:28-30
- C. When we had nothing to offer, He condescended to reach down to lift up lonely, broken men - Rom. 5:1-2, 8-10, 20.

## II. CHRISTIANS HAVE EXPERIENCED HIS HELP

A. The help of the Lord

- 1. If a legalist came by a saw a sinner in a pit, he would preach a sermon about the dangers of the pit.
- 2. If a doctrinaire came by a saw that same sinner in that pit, he would talk about steps the sinner could take to help him get out of that pit and avoid other pits in the future.
- 3. If a pessimist walked by, he would tell that sinner that he is probably going to die in that pit.
- 4. If an optimist passed by, he would tell the sinner that he had seen worse pits than that.
- 5. If a realist walked by, he would tell that man to just accept his pit.
- 6. If a spiritualist came by, he would tell the sinner that the pit isn't real, it is only in his mind.
- 7. But Jesus came by, got into the pit with the sinner, and helped him out.

B. That is the help of the Lord

- 1. He robed Himself in human flesh, entered this world, and died for us on the cross - Phil. 2:5-8
- 2. He is the living embodiment of the parable of the Good Samaritan
  - a. Luke 10:30-37; John 15:13

C. He transforms the ones He lifts up and gives them blessings

- 1. 2Cor. 5:17; Psalm 37:23; Eph. 1:3

## III. CHRISTIANS HAVE EXPERIENCED HIS LIFE

- A. In our own lives by renewal of hope; we have been given a reason to exist
  - 1. 1John 5:10-13; 1John 4:9; John 3:36, 5:24
- B. In our own relationship with God; we have a family that will never die
  - 1. Gal 4:6; Rom. 8:16-18

## IV. CHRISTIANS WILL EXPERIENCE HIS GLORY

- A. In the present, we have been lifted up by the love of God to a place of honor
  - 1. Heb. 12:22-24

2. God has been wanting to do that with us from the distant past
  3. Psalm 113:4-9
- B. In the future, we will be lifted up to sit in the presence of God
1. 1John 3:1-3; Eph. 2:4-6

Conclusion:

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves,  
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me!